

1           SIGNAL SEPARATION METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RESTORING  
2           ORIGINAL SIGNAL FROM OBSERVED DATA

3                           Abstract

4   The present invention provides methods and apparatus to  
5   stably separate and extract an original signal from multiple  
6   signals by a few calculation steps when multiple signals  
7   have been observed in a mixed state. In an example  
8   embodiment, signals are separated by introducing a function  
9   having a monotonously increasing characteristic like an  
10   exponential type function as a cost function, and applying  
11   an adaptive algorithm that minimizes that cost function in  
12   terms of a signal separation matrix. Then, an error signal  
13   e(t) is calculated based on y(t) formed by this nonlinear  
14   function, the estimated separation matrix W(t-1) estimated  
15   at the previous cycle, and the observed signal x(t) at that  
16   time. Then, based on the calculated error signal e(t), the  
17   update of the separation matrix W(t) at that time is  
18   performed such that consideration weight is increased when  
19   estimation errors are large using the cost function having a  
20   monotonously increasing characteristic.

21   [Selected Drawing] Fig. 2